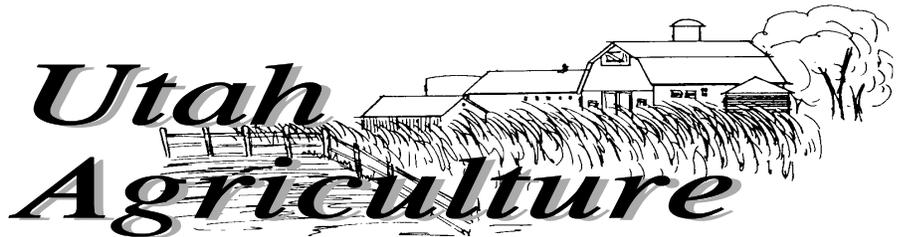




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HIGHLIGHTS:

Wool Production	Sheep Inventory
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Wool Production

UTAH: Wool production totaled 2.3 million pounds during 2004, up slightly from 2003, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. Total sheep shorn during 2004, at 245,000 head, was 2 percent above the 2003 level. The 2004 average fleece weight was 9.2 pounds. The 2004 average price of wool in Utah was \$0.83 per pound, 3 cents above the 2003 price. Total value of all wool produced during 2004 was \$1.9 million dollars, an increase of \$84,000 from 2003.

UNITED STATES: Shorn wool production in the United States during 2004 was 37.6 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2003. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2003. The average price paid for wool sold in 2004 was \$0.80 per pound for a total value of \$29.9 million dollars, up 6 percent from \$28.1 million dollars in 2003.

Cattle and Calf Inventory

UTAH: Cattle and calf inventory as of January 1, 2005 totaled 860,000 head, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. This was the same as January 1, 2004. Beef cows, at 347,000 head, were 4,000 head less than 2004. Milk cows, at 88,000 head, were 1,000 head less than 2004. Beef cow replacement heifers, at 65,000 head, was the same as 2004. Milk cow replacement heifers, at 45,000 head, was up 5,000 head from last year. Other heifers not intended for replacement totaled 70,000 head, the same as 2004. The January 1, 2005 inventory level of steers weighing 500 pounds or more was 110,000 head, same as last year. Bulls weighing over 500 pounds inventory were 22,000 head, the same as 2004. Calves weighing less than 500 pounds on hand as of January 1, 2005 totaled 113,000 head, the same as the previous year. The 2004 calf crop of 390,000 head remained the same as 2003.

UNITED STATES: All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2005, totaled 95.8 million head, 1

percent above the 94.9 million on January 1, 2004. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.1 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2004. Beef cows, at 33.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2004. Milk cows, at 9.01 million, were up slightly from January 1, 2004. Other class estimates on January 1, 2005, and the change from January 1, 2004, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.75 million, up 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.13 million, up 3 percent. Other heifers, 9.79 million, down slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, up 1 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, up 1 percent. Calves under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, up 1 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.7 million, down slightly. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.9 million, up 2 percent.

The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, down 1 percent from 2003.

2004 Onion Production

UTAH: Onion growers produced 780,000 hundredweight (cwt) of summer storage onions during 2004, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. This was 5.8 percent below the 2003 level, and 25.7 percent below 2002. In 2004, farmers planted 1,600 acres and harvested 1,500 acres of onions. The 2004 yield of 520 cwt per acre was 60 cwt per acre above the previous year and 20 cwt per acre above 2002. The preliminary 2004 Utah price estimate was \$7.40 per cwt compared with \$10.40 in 2003 and \$8.40 in 2002. The preliminary total crop value for 2004 is \$4.7 million compared with \$7.3 million the previous year and \$6.6 million in 2002.

UNITED STATES: Nationally, summer storage onion production was 56.8 million cwt, up 9.9 percent from the previous year. The preliminary national price of summer storage onions was \$9.08 per cwt, a decrease of \$1.62 from the 2003 price. Total value of summer storage onions was \$447.4 million, down 9.4 percent from 2003.

Livestock Slaughter

UTAH: Commercial red meat production totaled 33.3 million pounds in December 2004, 1.8 percent above December of the previous year. **Cattle slaughter** in Utah for December 2004 totaled 44,000 head, 2.8 percent above a year earlier. The average live weight was 1,188 pounds, down 5 pounds from December 2003. **Hog slaughter** totaled 3,800 head, down 1,500 head from December 2003. The average live weight was 226 pounds, down 1 pound from the previous year. **Sheep and lamb slaughter** during December 2004 totaled 2,400 head, down 700 head from the previous year. Average live weight, at 135 pounds, was up 7 pounds from the previous year.

UNITED STATES: Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.93 billion pounds in December, up 1 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in December 2003. **Beef production**, at 2.04 billion pounds, was 3 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.69 million head, up 1 percent from December 2003. The average live weight was up 24 pounds from the previous year, at 1,268 pounds. **Veal production** totaled 14.9 million pounds, 22 percent below December a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 74,700 head, down 23 percent from December 2003. The average live weight was 12 pounds above last year, at 334 pounds. **Pork production** totaled 1.86 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.25 million head, 1 percent below December 2003. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 270 pounds. **Lamb and mutton production**, at 17.0 million pounds, was down 6 percent from December 2003. Sheep slaughter totaled 242,400 head, 7 percent below last year. The average live weight was 140 pounds, up 3 pounds from December a year ago. **January to December 2004 commercial red meat production** was 45.4 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2003. Accumulated beef production was down 6 percent from last year, veal was down 13 percent, pork was up 3 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

Sheep Inventory

UTAH: The all sheep and lamb inventory was 270,000 head, 5,000 head more than the previous year. Breeding sheep inventory, including replacement lambs on January 1, 2005, was 245,000 head, an increase of 10,000 from January 1, 2004, according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service. Ewes for breeding one year old and older on January 1, 2005 totaled 200,000 head compared with 195,000 head on January 1, 2004. Lambs for breeding replacement, estimated at 37,000 head, was 4,000 more than last year. Rams one year old and older totaled 8,000 head, an increase of 1,000 from January 1, 2004. Market sheep and lambs were estimated at 25,000 head, down 5,000 from January 1, 2004. The 2004 lamb crop of 245,000 head was 2 percent above the previous year's total.

UNITED STATES: All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2005, totaled 6.14 million head, up slightly from 2004, but 3 percent below two years ago. The inventory has leveled off and is showing a slight increase for the first time since 1990. Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005, up 1 percent from 4.50 million head on January 1, 2004. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.57 million head, were 1 percent below last year. Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2005, totaled 1.60 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2004. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-six percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 13 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, 32 percent were over 105 pounds, and 5 percent were market sheep. The 2004 lamb crop of 4.10 million head, a record low, was down 1 percent from 2003. The 2004 lambing rate was 113 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2004, up 3 percent from 2003.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter,

December 2003-2004 ¹

Item	Utah		United States	
	December		December	
	2003	2004	2003	2004
Production (Million Pounds)				
Red Meat	32.7	33.3	3,884.0	3,930.8
Number Slaughtered (Thousand Head)				
Cattle	42.8	44.0	2,675.3	2,690.5
Calves	1	1	97.4	74.7
Hogs	5.3	3.8	9,361.0	9,250.1
Sheep & Lamb	3.1	2.4	261.9	242.4
Average Live Weight (Pounds)				
Cattle	1,193	1,188	1,244	1,268
Calves	1	1	322	334
Hogs	227	226	269	270
Sheep & Lamb	128	135	137	140

¹ Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

U.S. Turkey Eggs in Incubators & Poult Placement

Turkey eggs in incubators on February 1, 2005, in the United States totaled 27.1 million, 6 percent below February 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 3 percent below the January 1, 2005 total of 28.0 million eggs. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central up 8 percent, West North Central down 13 percent, North and South Atlantic up slightly, South Central down 10 percent, and West down 14 percent.

placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were down 1 percent from December 2004. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central down 1 percent, West North Central down 4 percent, North and South Atlantic down 11 percent, South Central down 16 percent, and West up 7 percent.

The 21.9 million poult placements during January 2005 in the United States were down 6 percent from the number

Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, February 2005 with Comparisons

Geographic Division	Feb 1 2004	Jan 1 2005	Feb 1 2005	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	4,269	4,469	4,604	108	103
W N Central	11,669	10,620	10,207	87	96
N & S Atlantic	7,942	8,448	7,953	100	94
S Central	2,306	*2,077	2,077	90	100
West	2,588	*2,380	2,213	86	93
US	28,774	*27,994	27,054	94	97

Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States, January 2005 with Comparisons ¹

Geographic Division	Jan 1 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
E N Central	3,381	3,216	3,353	99	104
W N Central	8,663	8,653	8,298	96	96
N & S Atlantic	7,475	6,868	6,666	89	97
S Central	1,960	1,881	1,653	84	88
West	1,794	*1,587	1,916	107	121
US	23,273	*22,205	21,886	94	99

*Revised.

¹Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region, and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

Regional Listing:

North Atlantic: CT, ME, MA, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT.

East North Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, WI.

West North Central: IA, KS, MN, MO, NE, ND, SD.

South Atlantic: DE, FL, GA, MD, NC, SC, VA, WV.

South Central: AL, AR, KY, LA, MS, OK, TN, TX.

West: AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NM, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY.

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Manufactured Dairy Products

UTAH: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) in December 2004, at 6.0 million pounds, was down 5.3 percent from December 2003 but up 27.5 percent from November 2004. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 1.61 million gallons, down 13.1 percent from December 2003 and also down 13.1 percent from November 2004.

UNITED STATES: Total cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 772 million pounds, 1.8 percent above December 2003 and 3.2 percent above November 2004. **American type cheese** production totaled 323 million pounds, 0.4 percent above December 2003 and 7.0 percent above November 2004. **Butter** production was 112 million pounds in December, 2.3 percent below November 2003 but 14.8 percent above November 2004. **Hard ice cream** production at 55.3 million gallons, was down 1.4 percent from December 2003, and down 6.5 percent from November 2004.

Manufactured Dairy Production - December 2004 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	Dec 2003	Nov ¹ 2004	Dec 2004	Dec 2003	Nov ¹ 2004	Dec 2004
1,000 Pounds						
Total Cheese	6,352	4,719	6,017	758,887	748,171	772,443
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream	1,852	1,851	1,609	56,091	59,175	55,306

¹ Revised.